

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1 and 7 are rejected. Claims 2, 8, and 14-20 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 1, 3-7, and 9-13 are currently amended.

Applicants thank the Examiner and her supervisor for the courtesy of a personal interview on July 13, 2007 with their undersigned representative. As required, Applicants state that the substance of the interview was the applied art and proposed amendments.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

The Examiner indicated during the interview that the May 11, 2007 Amendment had overcome this rejection, and that it would be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §102

Claims 1 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by each of Unger, Klaveness, Rasor, and Church.

None of the applied references disclose Applicants' claimed shell compounds. Thus, Applicants assert that none of Unger, Klaveness, Rasor, or Church anticipate claims 1 and 7, and request the 35 U.S.C. §102 rejections be withdrawn.

CLAIM REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103

Claims 1-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as obvious over either Unger or Klaveness. The rejection is moot with respect to canceled claims 2 and 8. None of claims 1, 3-7, or 9-13 teach or suggest Applicants' recited shell where each polar head group is linked to a straight-chain hydrophobic group selected as having the recited chain lengths.

Applicants assert that neither Unger nor Klaveness render claims 1, 3-7, or 9-13 obvious, and request the 35 U.S.C. §103 rejections be withdrawn.

CONCLUSION

Applicants believe the application is in complete condition for allowance. No fees are believed due but, if necessary, the Examiner is authorized to charge them to Deposit Account No. 23-3000.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative with questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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